

STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Agenda Consideration

TOPIC: Horizons Community Church:
Two-Year Extension Request of Building Use
Contract – Colonial Forge High School

ITEM NO: 9F

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MEETING: March 28, 2006
ACTION DATE: March 28, 2006
INFORMATION ONLY:

ACTION REQUESTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT: That the School Board approve the request of Horizons Community Church for an extension of their current contract with Colonial Forge High School for church services – 2 additional years requested.

KEY POINTS:

- ◆ School Board Regulation R2-38, Community Use of School Facilities: Priorities for Use, Section B, stipulates that nonprofit Stafford County religious organizations may be permitted to rent school facilities. Section B, Item 4, states, said agreement shall be renewable annually up to a maximum of six years upon agreement of the parties. If during the sixth year of renting school facilities a religious organization is actively engaged in the construction phase of building its own facility and it is reasonably evident that completion of such construction cannot be accomplished prior to the conclusion of the sixth year of the rental agreement, then in that event the Superintendent is authorized to renew such agreement on a monthly basis for a period of up to twelve months but not greater.
- ◆ Horizons Community Church, having met the six-year maximum, petitioned the School Board at the regularly scheduled meeting of May 14, 2002, and received a two-year extension. The extension expired on May 6, 2004.
- ◆ On March 11, 2004, a letter was received from Horizons Community Church requesting an additional two-year extension to their current building use contract with Colonial Forge High School. A 10.5 acre parcel of property was purchased by Horizons Community Church in 2002. Payments for land were completed in September 2003. Architectural drawings for a new facility were approximately 80% complete and it was anticipated that construction would begin by May 2005 with a 12 month construction period.
- ◆ On March 1, 2006, a letter was received from Horizons Community Church requesting yet another two-year extension to their current building use contract with Colonial Forge High School. The current contract will expire in May 6, 2006 (see attached letter).
- ◆ Site plan for the proposed new church building is currently under review as a part of the County's technical review process. Construction should commence within the next six months (see attached letter).
- ◆ Dr. Lisa Martin, Principal, Colonial Forge High School, supports this request.

SCHOOL BOARD GOAL: Goal #5 – Provide Facilities and Promote Student Learning and Community Support

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- ◆ School Board Regulation R2-38, Community Relations, Community Use of School Facilities: Priorities for Use